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Dear Bill:

Re: Patentability Search
MICROINSTRUMENTATION-BASED POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION (PCR)
DIAGNOSTICS
Inventor: Northrop and White
Case No.: B92-011

After review of your letter dated _____ you are hereby authorized to
perform the searches recommended by the Examiners:

Class 422, Subclasses 63, 130, 138
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Additionally, please order the missing patents as delineated in page 2 of your
letter. Please call Dr. White and/or Dr. Northrop to review the patentability
results. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Scott".

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Dr. White
Dr. Northrop